

White Sulphur Springs (The Greenbrier),
President's Cottage
Off U.S. Route 60
White Sulphur Springs
Greenbrier County
West Virginia

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE West Virginia	COUNTY Greenbrier	TOWN OR VICINITY White Sulphur Springs
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) White Sulphur Springs, President's Cottage		HABS NO. WV-131-D
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE The Greenbrier, President's Cottage		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Off U.S. Route 60		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1816	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Built by Stephen Henderson as a private residence, and was the first private cottage of such scale in the White Sulphur Springs resort complex. Name derives from the fact that many U. S. Presidents, through Lyndon Johnson, have stayed in the building. Served as the		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) <u>Summer White House for presidents Van Buren, Tyler and Fillmore.</u> Federal		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) 2-story; gabled roof; 5-bay front; 2-story front porches		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Focal point of interest are the double front porches; entranceway with sidelights and fanlight		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES 2 rooms added sometime after construction. In 1930's, cottage was restored as a museum. At that time the stairway was redesigned. A second restoration took place in 1957, during which the porches were rebuilt.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Condition in 1974 appeared good. As of 1974, served as a museum.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Listed on National Register of Historic Places (Information above from nomination)		
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